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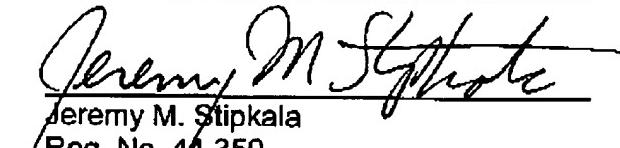
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Dear Examiner Lankford:

This confirms our telephone conversation of April 19, 2005, in which you stated that our Request for Restarting the Period for Reply filed on February 9, 2005, has been granted. Moreover, you told me that the six month period for reply will begin on the mailing date of the Office Action, which would likely be today. Accordingly, it is our understanding that this application will not go abandoned and Applicants need not file a Notice of Appeal to keep this application pending. We thank you for your efforts regarding this application, and we look forward to working with you in the near future.

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